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LOUISIANA ETHICS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

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Attention Board of Ethics Advisory Opinion Review Committee:

I am writing to request an advisory opinion on my candidacy for elected office on the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB), regarding a potential conflict of interest.


Currently, I am the salaried Director of STEM Library Lab, a nonprofit that works with public charter schools in Orleans Parish and neighboring parishes. STEM Library Lab offers a membership to local schools for our Equipment Lending Co-op.

In Orleans Parish, 24 Charter Schools and Charter Management Organizations have a paid subscription to this membership. No schools that are direct-run by the OPSB subscribe, nor does any branch of the OPSB give payment to STEM Library Lab.

I spoke by phone with one of the attorneys in the Louisiana Ethics Administration Program who suggested that this should not constitute a conflict of interest, as STEM Library Lab does not receive any money from the OPSB, but he advised I submit this letter to request a formal opinion.

If I can provide additional information, or documentation that would support your ability to render a decision, please advise.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



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